GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of kerosene oil in various parts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate supply of kerosene in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No such report of shortage of kerosene has been received by the Government. However, 56,11,71 Metric Tonne kerosene has been released to the State of West Bengal during the first three quarters of the current financial year for distribution under Public Distribution System.

(b): Kerosene for distribution under Public Distribution System is an allocated product. Its allocation to various States/UTs is made by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on a quarterly basis. Based on the quarterly allocation made by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, States/UTs decide on the monthly allocations, which is mostly uniform. Distribution of Kerosene within the State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Government Oil Marketing Companies have been allowed to sell non-PDS Kerosene (white Kerosene) in the open market, which is available in plenty at the prevailing market price.